

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-4

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAYNE, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING EFFORTS OF FIREARMS' RETAILERS TO REDUCE GUN VIOLENCE AND ILLEGAL TRAFFICKING IN FIREARMS THROUGH INDUSTRY SALES AND MARKETING BEST PRACTICES; DIRECTING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO COORDINATE WITH THE CHIEF OF POLICE AND WITH OTHER MUNICIPALITIES IN SUPPORT OF THIS INITIATIVE AND TO WORK WITH FIREARM SUPPLIERS TO ENCOURAGE SALES AND MARKETING SAFEGUARDS; AND DIRECTING THE VILLAGE CLERK TO TRANSMIT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO OTHER SOUTH FLORIDA MUNICIPALITIES, THE MIAMI-DADE AND FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC. AND TO MEMBERS FLORIDA'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION.

WHEREAS, according to the Florida Center for Investigative Reporting, the incidence of homicides involving the use of firearms has risen dramatically in recent years, including cases involving multiple victims; and

WHEREAS, firearms may fall into criminal hands by means of "straw purchases" in which a friend or family member passes the required background check imposed by federally-licensed dealers, and purchases a gun for a third-person who could not pass the background check; and

WHEREAS, according to a recent study published in the Journal of Public Policy and Marketing, responsible practices by gun manufacturers and distributors help to prevent guns from falling into criminal hands, thus helping to reduce the incidence of gun violence; and

WHEREAS, Village of Key Biscayne Mayor Franklin H. Caplan is a member of Mayors Against Illegal Guns, a bi-partisan coalition of more than 800 mayors nationwide, representing more than 58 million Americans, that supports the Fix Gun Checks Act; and

WHEREAS, Mayors Against Illegal Guns and Wal-Mart developed the Responsible Firearms Retailer Partnership, a comprehensive plan to curb the illegal trafficking of firearms

through more responsible gun sales and marketing practices, including sensible safeguards such as the videotaping of gun sales, increased store security, and employee training and background checks; and

WHEREAS, the voluntary code applicable to participants in the Responsible Firearms Retailer Partnership requires participating retailers to maintain a computerized crime-gun trace log and alert system, to require purchaser declarations and identification checking mechanisms, to provide point-of-sale signage alerting customers of their legal responsibilities, and to prohibit sales without background check results; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council of the Village of Key Biscayne, joining other Miami-Dade County municipalities, commends the voluntary efforts of responsible gun manufacturers and distributors who contribute to reducing gun violence and gun-related crimes in our communities, and supports the growing coalition of municipalities in support of initiatives to reduce gun violence and illegal firearms trafficking.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAYNE, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

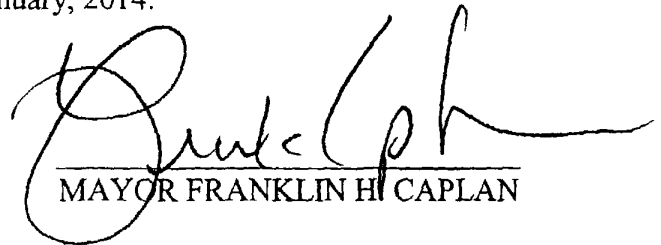
Section 1. The recitals stated above are adopted by reference and confirmed.

Section 2. The Village Council supports efforts to reduce gun violence and illegal firearms trafficking through responsible gun sales and marketing practices.

Section 3. The Village Manager is directed to coordinate with the Chief of Police to partner with other municipalities in support of this initiative and to work with gun and ammunition suppliers to encourage broader adoption of best practices safeguards associated with firearm and ammunition sales and marketing.

Section 4. The Village Clerk is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to other South Florida municipalities, the Miami-Dade and Florida League of Cities, Inc., members of Florida's Congressional Delegation and federal or state authorities as directed by the Village Manager.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 28th day of January, 2014.


MAYOR FRANKLIN H. CAPLAN

ATTEST:


CONCHITA H. ALVAREZ, MMC, VILLAGE CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY


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Subject: Resolution supporting efforts of firearms' retailers to reduce gun violence and illegal trafficking in firearms
Attachments: Resolution 2014-4.pdf

Good morning,

Attached please find a copy of Resolution 2014-4, a resolution supporting efforts to reduce gun violence and illegal firearms trafficking through more responsible gun sales and marketing practices, directing the Village Manager to Coordinate with the Police Chief to partner with other municipalities to create a coalition in support of this initiative and to work with gun and ammunition suppliers to encourage the consideration of sales and marketing safeguards.

This Resolution was unanimously passed and adopted by the Mayor and Village Council of the Village of Key Biscayne on January 28, 2014. The Village Council of the Village of Key Biscayne urges your municipality to adopt a similar resolution.

If you need additional information, please do not hesitate to call.

Respectfully,



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